

LUIS QUINTANA

Born on January 29, 1960, Luis Quintana lived in Anasco, Puerto Rico. In 1968, when Luis Quintana was just eight years old, he came with his family to start a new life in Newark, New Jersey. For young Luis Quintana adjusting to a new environment was not an easy task because he did not understand or speak the English language, but he was determined to learn and to achieve his goal. In 1979, Mr. Quintana graduated from Barringer High School. To further his education he decided to attend Seton Hall University. During his stay at Seton Hall, Quintana was involved with several activities, one being the Upward Bound Program. In 1983, Quintana received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice when he graduated from Seton Hall University.

Luis Quintana was named Outstanding Youth of the Year in 1979 by ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey. In 1983, he worked as a Youth Counselor at the North Ward Center in Newark. Quintana felt it was important for children to get an education making no difference of their race, color, or creed. Over the years Quintana has been involved with Essex Council Boys Scouts of America Explorer Officers, Rick Ceron Little League, Girl's & Boys's Clubs of Newark, and the Urban Youth Task Force all of which involve our leaders of tomorrow. On January 4, 1985 the Advisory Committee on Cultural and Tourist Affairs of the Municipality of Anasco, Puerto Rico awarded him with the most Distinguished Young Man of the Year Award, and he received a citation from the New Jersey General Assembly chosen him the Most Distinguished Young Man of 1984. On November 1990, Luis was chosen as a Board Member of the Essex County Vocational School. He is also a Member of the Board of Trustees of the United Way.

In 1981, Luis Quintana became a member of the Democratic County Committee. In December of 1985, Councilman Sharpe James decided he needed an energetic and dedicated aide, he then appointed Luis Quintana to that position. In 1986 when Sharpe James was elected as the Mayor of Newark, he then recognized that Luis Quintana had distinguished himself as a dedicated and tireless worker on behalf of the entire City of Newark as well as the Hispanic Community. Mayor Sharpe James appointed Luis Quintana as Deputy Mayor of the City of Newark in July of 1986 which at the present time he is still holding the position.

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Since 1987, he has been a member to the Down Town Park Committee. A Member of the Affirmative Action Committee the New Jersey Democratic Party, National Council of Educational Opportunity Association, Board Member of Project Pride, United National Association of the United States of America, Member of the Newark Pre-School Council, Inc., Board Member of the Essex County Vocational School, and the Borinquen Lions Club. Throughout the years Luis Quintana has proven his loyalty to the City of Newark by being an outstanding citizen and official. He was the President and Advisor for the Newark Police Explorers, Post 522. He still serves as a member of the Branch Brook Friends of the Park Citizens' Committee. In 1983 the Newark Coalition for Neighborhoods Committee gave Luis Quintana a Community Service Award for his outstanding achievements as a citizen of Newark and on September 19, 1988, he received the Trio Achievers Award in Washington, D. C. He is the Vice President of the Board of Essex County Vocational School, Chairman of the Black and Latino Coalition, Chairman of the Hispanic Mayor's Task Force, Vice President of the Sharpe James Civic Association and Vice President of Councilman George Branch Civic Association, Member of the Urban Theater Board, Board Member of the Childrens Academy, Member of the New Jersey School Board Association, Member of the Board of Directors of FOCUS, Board Member of the Boys & Girls Club of Newark.

With the help of his wife Yolanda, their daughters Aida Iris, Yadiz and their son Carlos Luis, Luis Quintana will make a better tomorrow for the City of Newark.

LUIS QUINTANA, CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE in the Tuesday, May 10, 1994, Municipal Election.

Platform for Luis Quintana

Luis Quintana will be "THE TRUE VOICE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE" on the Newark City Council. As Councilman-At-Large he intends to work hard for all Newarkers.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- * by working for a drug free community
- * by supporting community policing initiatives
- * by promoting community-police partnerships
- * by strengthening our neighborhood block associations
- * by supporting agencies that assist homeless, substance abuse, child abuse and teenage delinquency

CLEANER NEIGHBORHOODS:

- * by improving our sanitation services
- * by enforcing our anti-graffiti laws
- * by promoting neighborhood beautification efforts
- * by working together with businesses and citizens to improve the conditions of our streets and sidewalks

BETTER SCHOOLS:

- * by supporting Head Start, a bilingual multi-cultural curriculum and after school enrichment program
- * by supporting home rule with greater teacher accountability and improved student performance
- * by maintaining safe, clean code enforced classrooms
- * by working toward improving the recreational activities in our schools

ECONOMIC GROWTH:

- * by promoting job creation initiatives that provide equal opportunity for employment
- * by strengthening our local small business community
- * by working to ensure that federal initiatives to economically empower urban centers, include Newark

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